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**PATENT**  
**450100-03293**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Hiroto NARIOKA, et al.  
 Serial No. : 09/092,952  
 For : IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM  
 Filed : June 26, 2001  
 Examiner : TRAN, Nghi V.  
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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

**Claims as Amended**

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional fee
Total claims	4	Minus	20 =	0 x	\$50(25)	= \$0
Independent claims	4	Minus	6 =	0 x	\$200(100)	= \$0
				Total additional fee for this amendment		= \$0

- \* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.  
 \*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
 \*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360 (\$180) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A USPTO Form 2038 - Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00 is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims and ☐ -month petition for extension of time.
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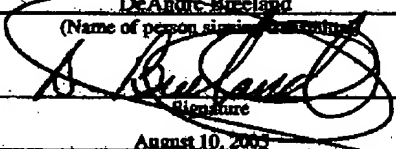
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**AMENDMENT**Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action which issued May 11, 2005, please consider  
the following amendment to the above-referenced application.